

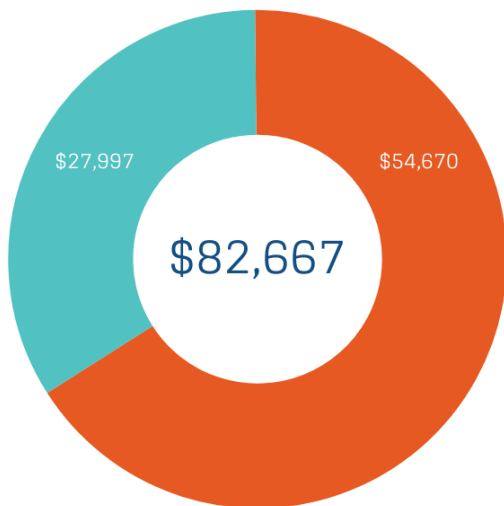
2017 Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative HAVERHILL / METHUEN

Funded Partners

Boys & Girls Club of Greater Haverhill, Haverhill High School, Haverhill Police Department, Haverhill YMCA, Methuen Arlington Neighborhood, Inc., Methuen Police Department, Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School, YWCA of Northeastern MA, Haverhill

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts's Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative (Shannon) is modeled after the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Comprehensive Gang Model (CGM). Shannon is a multi-sector approach used to address a community's gang and youth violence problem. Each community receiving Shannon funding demonstrates the presence of risk factors for youth and gang violence. In each Shannon community, partners implement strategies that align with the CGM and respond to community problems. These strategies include education and employment opportunities, case management and street outreach or intervention, positive youth development and recreation, and coordinating a law enforcement response through suppression. Shannon participants must be between the ages of 10-24 years, live in a high-risk area, and be high-risk or at-risk of becoming involved, or are currently involved, in gang activity. To learn more visit: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/shannon-community-safety-initiative-csi>

Funding Allocation



724 Total Youth Served

87%
At-Risk



Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity due to the presence of known risk factors such as exposure to gang affiliates in their home or community.

12%
High-Risk



Youth exposed to the same risk factors as at-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as school failure, dropping out, truancy, substance abuse, and gang involvement as an affiliate or member not yet participating in violent criminal activity.

1%
Proven-Risk



Youth who are perpetrators or victims of shooting or stabbing violence, and/or are known gang members.

= 10% of Youth Served

Shannon Strategies & Outcomes

Positive Youth Development & Recreation*



701

Participated in Positive Youth Development Programs

526

Developed Communication and Conflict Resolution Skills

496

Developed Healthy Relationships with Peers

262

Decreased Risky Behavior

Suppression



201

Law Enforcement Supported Home Visits

113

Hot Spot Patrols Completed

29

Referrals Made During Home Visits

22

Law Enforcement Supported Ride-Alongs

Community Mobilization



1,250

People Attended Events, Meetings, and Presentations

47

Community Events, Meetings, and Presentations Held

* Positive Youth Development refers to intentional efforts to provide opportunities for youth to enhance their interests, skills, and abilities.

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Community Risk Factors

	Massachusetts	Haverhill	Methuen
Total Population (2016 Estimate)	6,811,779	62,873	49,917
Population Lives in Poverty	11.4%	12.8%	10.3%
Unemployment Rate	3.8%	4.0%	4.3%
Total School Population (2016-2017)	953,748	7,452	6,896
Economically Disadvantaged	30.2%	45.1%	31.8%
High School Dropout Rate	1.8%	2.3%	1.8%

Sources: www.census.gov/quickfacts; profiles.doe.mass.edu/; www.mass.gov/lwd/economic-data/

Gang Activity in Haverhill & Methuen

16
Street Gangs

237
Gang Members
Under 25 Years Old

During 2017, the Haverhill and Methuen Police Departments identified 16 gangs comprising 535 active members, of which a little less than half (44.3%) were under the age of 25. Gang activity included drug overdoses—specifically related to opioid abuse—robbery, burglary, shootings, and assaults. Due to lack of cooperation and testimony from victimized gang members, criminal cases involving gang members are difficult to prosecute.

5-Year Crime Trends for Young People Ages 10-24, 2013-2017

